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PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATION TO LIMIT OZONE EMISSIONS FROM PORTABLE INDOOR AIR CLEANERS

Interested Parties:

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in a public workshop on June 12, 2009 to discuss possible amendments to the regulation that limits the emissions of ozone from indoor air cleaning devices (Regulation), as adopted by ARB on September 27, 2007, and which became effective on October 18, 2008. The workshop is scheduled as indicated below. The workshop will be webcast, and we encourage interested persons to participate by webcast. Persons wishing to attend in person may do so at the following location and time:

Date: Friday, June 12, 2009

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please arrive by 9:15 a.m. to sign in at the

Visitors' Center and receive a temporary badge.

Location: California Environmental Protection Agency

Byron Sher Hearing Room, 2nd floor

1001 I Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

<u>Webcast participation</u>: Visit http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO=1 prior to the workshop to assure that you have the software programs needed to view our webcast. On the day of the workshop, join the webcast at 9:30 a.m. by visiting the same link and clicking on the appropriate item. Webcast participants will be able to ask questions or make comments via email or a teleconference line. A teleconference phone line will be available at 9:30 a.m. for those who would like to participate by phone. To call in, dial 1-877-784-3238 and give the Passcode, 29039, and leader's name, Peggy Jenkins, when prompted.

<u>Purpose of the workshop</u>: The purpose of this workshop is to discuss with interested stakeholders and members of the public the progress in implementing the Regulation, and possible amendments to the Regulation. The format for the workshop will be a short staff

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presentation followed by discussion and an opportunity to ask questions regarding the implementation of the Regulation and the amendments being considered.

Summary of possible amendments: Staff is considering the following amendments to the Regulation: (1) to extend the October 2010 compliance deadline for having all air cleaners tested, certified, and labeled, due to the delay in having a second laboratory available for testing; (2) to increase the number of testing facilities available for mechanical air cleaners by allowing Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)-recognized Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories (NRTLs) to utilize additional qualified testing facilities to conduct ANSI/UL Standard 507 testing for mechanical air cleaners (i.e. by allowing NRTLs to use additional program facilities described in the Federal Register, Volume 60, pages 12980-12985, March 9, 1995); (3) to consider clarifications to the Section 37 ozone test protocol contained in ANSI/UL Standard 867 that would have the effect of improving the efficiency of the test and thereby reducing the time required to perform the test; and (4) to refine the exemption for in-duct systems.

Summary of the current regulation: No person or business can manufacture, sell, or offer for sale for use in California after October 18, 2010, any indoor air cleaning device for use or intended for use in occupied spaces unless the device is certified by the ARB to produce an ozone emission concentration that does not exceed 0.050 parts per million (ppm). Devices must be tested by an NRTL as meeting a specified testing standard depending on the type of air cleaning device. Labeling is required. The regulation also contains notification requirements and exempts certain devices and uses. A "Frequently Asked Questions" fact sheet has been developed to explain the regulation and is available at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/indoor/aircleaners/faq.pdf. Further information about the regulation is available on our air cleaner regulation webpage at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/indoor/aircleaners/aircleaners.htm. Final documents from the September 2007 rulemaking may be viewed at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2007/iacd07/iacd07.htm.

Comments may be provided orally at the workshop, in writing, or both. Written comments must be submitted no later than July 3, 2009 to aircleaners@listserv.arb.ca.gov. Email submittal is strongly preferred for written comments; however, those who prefer may submit hard copy comments to:

Peggy Jenkins Research Division, 5th floor California Air Resources Board P.O. Box 2815 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95812 Air Cleaner Regulation Workshop Notice May 18, 2009

To keep interested parties informed during the development of the regulation we created an "air cleaner" listserve which is accessible at http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv.php. If you have not already done so, please join the listserve. Those on the listserve receive an email notification whenever new information is added to the air cleaner regulation webpage indicated above. For example, information and updates about certification and testing, and possible amendments, will be added as it becomes available.

For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document is available in Braille, large print, audio cassettes or computer disk. Also, special accommodation can be made for the workshop. Please contact ARB's Disability Coordinator at (916) 323-4916 by voice or through the California Relay Service by calling 711, to place your request for disability services. If you are a person with limited English and would like to request interpreter services, please contact ARB's Bilingual Manager at (916) 323-7053.

We look forward to your participation. If you would like hard copies of materials as they are released, please call 916-445-0753. For technical questions regarding the workshop or the draft regulation, please contact Jim Behrmann at ibehrman@arb.ca.gov, or (916) 322-8278. I can be reached at (916) 327-8225, or lsmith@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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